

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

AUTOMOBILE WRECKING YARD PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Article 1, section 105 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states... a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following: ... to operate an automobile wrecking yard. See Article 34. For rubbish handling operations, see Articles 11 and 28. Additional requirements may be applicable.

<u>Fire Apparatus Access Roads</u> Fire apparatus access roads shall be constructed and maintained throughout the site in accordance with Section 902.2. Aisles or passageways shall be provided to provide reasonable access for firefighting operations.

Welding and Cutting Welding and cutting operations shall be in accordance with Articles 49 and 74.

<u>Housekeeping</u> Combustible rubbish on the site shall be collected and stored in approved containers, rooms or vaults of noncombustible materials. Combustible vegetation, cut or uncut, shall be removed when determined by the chief to be a fire hazard.

<u>Fire Protection</u> Offices, storage buildings and vehicles used for site operations shall each be provided with at least one 4A40BC portable fire extinguisher. When required by the chief, additional portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in specific use areas in accordance with U.F.C. standard 10-1.

<u>Tires</u> Tires shall be stored in racks in an approved manner or shall be piled in accordance with Section 1103.3.6.

<u>Burning Operations</u> The burning of salvage vehicles and salvage or waste materials shall be in accordance with Section 1102 and federal, state or local air quality control regulations.

Motor Vehicle Fluids and Hazardous Materials The storage, use and handling of motor vehicle fluids and hazardous materials, such as those used to operate air bags and electrical systems, shall be in accordance with Section 3410 and Articles 29, 79 and 80.

Motor Vehicle Fluids Motor vehicle fluids shall be drained from salvage vehicles when such fluids are leaking. Storage and handling of motor vehicle fluids shall be done in an approved manner. For the purpose of Article 34, Motor Vehicle Fluids are liquids which are flammable, combustible or hazardous materials, such as crankcase fluids, fuel, brake fluids, transmission fluids, radiator fluids and gear oil. This definition does not include liquids which are permanently sealed, such as hydraulic fluid within shock absorbers. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored and handled in accordance with Articles 29, 79 and 80.

<u>Mitigation for Vehicle Fluid Leaks</u> Supplies or equipment capable of mitigating leaks from fuel tanks, crankcases, brake systems and transmissions shall be kept available on site. Single-use plugging, diking and absorbent materials shall be disposed of as hazardous waste and removed from the site in a manner approved by federal, state or local requirements.

Air Bag Systems Removed air bag systems shall be handled and stored in accordance with Article 80.

<u>Lead-acid Batteries</u> Lead-acid batteries shall be removed from salvage vehicles when such batteries are leaking. Lead-acid batteries, which have been removed from vehicles, shall be stored in an approved manner.

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